

CONTINUATION-IN-PART DECLARATION,
POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names;

We verily believe that we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Waterborne Polymer Compositions** described and claimed in the attached specification, that we hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims;

That this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in earlier filed application, Serial No. 09/376,516, filed August 18, 1999, that, as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application, we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before our invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before said invention or discovery thereof for more than one year prior to said earlier application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to said earlier application; that said common subject matter has not been patented before the date of said earlier application or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the filing of said earlier application; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on the said common subject matter has been filed by us or our representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States;

That, as to the subject matter of this application which is not common to said earlier application, we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States before said invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before said invention or discovery thereof for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States for more than one year prior to this application; that said subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention or discovery has been filed by us or our representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States;

That we hereby claim the benefit, under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of U.S. application Serial No. 09/376,516, filed August 18, 1999, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in U.S. application Serial No. 09/376,516 in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware, which is material to patentability as defined in

37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, that occurred between the filing date of the earlier U.S. application Serial No. 09/376,516 and the filing date of this application.

And we hereby appoint --

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and Terry B. McDaniel, Registration No. 28,444, Westvaco Corporation, 5255 Virginia Avenue, Post Office Box 118005, Charleston, South Carolina 29423-8005, and each of them, our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. We further recognize and acknowledge that the true party in interest of the invention described and claimed herein is the assignee, Westvaco Corporation;

Wherefore we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for invention or discovery described and claimed in the specification and claims, and we hereby subscribe our names to the above-identified specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

We, the undersigned petitioners declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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